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§13–201.

(a) This section applies only in:

- (1) Caroline County;
- (2) Carroll County;
- (3) Cecil County;
- (4) Charles County;
- (5) Frederick County;
- (6) Howard County;
- (7) Somerset County;
- (8) Talbot County;
- (9) Wicomico County; and
- (10) Worcester County.

(b) The governing body of a county may:

(1) issue permits for the establishment, operation, or maintenance of a public dance hall, a boxing or wrestling arena, an amusement park, or a tourist camp with cabins for rent;

(2) adopt rules and regulations for the issuance of permits under this section; and

(3) revoke permits issued under this section for cause and after notice and a hearing.

(c) A person shall obtain a permit from the governing body of a county before the person may establish, maintain, or operate a public dance hall, a boxing or wrestling arena, an amusement park, or a tourist camp with cabins for rent.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the County Commissioners of Charles County shall charge a permit fee of:

(i) \$50 for issuing the initial permit; and

(ii) \$50 annually for renewal of the permit.

(2) A permit holder is exempt from the fee if:

(i) the facility is established, maintained, or operated for purposes of a religious, educational, or fraternal organization; and

(ii) no other person shares the profits and gains from events held in the facility.

(e) In Worcester County, this section also applies to a tourist cabin, a motel, an apartment house, a rooming house, or any other structure or building to be rented to four or more persons at one time.

(f) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and not exceeding \$500 for each offense.

(2) The establishment or place in violation of this section is subject to abatement as a nuisance.

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